

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hans Schwade, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/612,195) Art Unit: 1744
Filed: July 2, 2003) Examiner: David A. Redding
For: Integral Packing Housing and)
Packing Material Unit)

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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November 1, 2007

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 4, 2007, please enter the accompanying Amendment and consider the following Remarks. The Amendment does not increase the number of claims or the number of independent claims in the application. This Response is filed within the three-month shortened statutory reply period set by the Office Action. Applicant therefore submits that no fee is due with this Response and the accompanying Amendment. Please charge any fee deemed due or credit any refund to Deposit Account 50-2591.

The Official Action indicates that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance with the exception of claim 4, which is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 because the claimed element "the compression unit" lacks antecedent basis. Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out this informality. The accompanying Amendment corrects the informality to place the application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that the preceding remarks are completely responsive to the Official Action mailed October 4, 2007, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please call Mike Mehrman at (404) 497-7400.

Respectfully submitted,

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